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City of Dallas  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Captain J. C. Nichols  
Subject: Prisoner Oswald.

Today Sunday Nov. 24, 1963  
I was on duty in the Auto  
Thrift Bureau beginning at 8 AM.  
I was told to stand by in the  
office until further notice. At  
approximately 11:45 AM all members  
of our Bureau on duty, except the  
Desk Man went to the basement  
of the City Hall and waited in the  
corridor just outside the jail  
booking office. About fifteen  
minutes later the prisoner was  
brought down to the jail office  
and we heard he was being  
brought through the office. At  
this time I closed the double  
doors and held them, not  
allowing anyone through these  
doors as he was escorted out  
the door of the booking office.

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I could see the prisoner for a few seconds through the doors glass partition. At that time I heard a shot, but could not see the prisoner or the person who fired the shot. The photographers in the corridor behind me had to make their pictures through the glass. Then the prisoner was taken back into the holding office until the ambulance arrived and he was placed in it with officers escorting him. I did not see the man who fired the shot because he was hustled out of sight into the jail office and elevator. I did not see the man before or after the shot was fired but heard the name Jack Rubin called out as the man who shot the prisoner.

The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

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I was told by Captain O.A. Jones to remain on this post until relieved and check everyone who entered or exited for their Credentials, as Press Photographers, Press Reporters and authorized Police and City of Dallas civilian personnel on duty. I was relieved about thirty minutes later by Lt. R. St. Preux who said I could return to my Bureau office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harold L. Dawson  
Detective #723  
Auto Theft Bureau